The Children's Institute

Amazing Kids. Amazing Place.

The Children's Institute – known regionally, nationally and internationally as (the):

> only freestanding pediatric specialty rehabilitation hospital in Pennsylvania and one of only 20 in the nation

> one of only two providers in the region with an intensive inpatient and outpatient pediatric functional feeding program

> only CARF-accredited inpatient pediatric brain injury rehabilitation program in Pennsylvania

> only facility in the tri-state region and one of only two in the nation with an intensive treatment program for Reflex Neurovascular Dystrophy (RND)

> only facility in the world with an inpatient treatment program for children and adults with Prader-Willi syndrome

There simply is **no other** facility like The Children's Institute.

Medical & Therapy Services
at The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

There simply is no place like The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh. It's the region's most comprehensive provider of care to children with special and orthopedic needs.

It provides a full range of services to children with special needs and their families – a continuum of high quality, personalized care for children on both an inpatient and outpatient basis.

Whether it's a child with multiple disabilities and in need of intensive inpatient rehabilitation, or a teenage athlete requiring outpatient rehabilitation for an injury, The Children's Institute is the answer.

Rare Accreditations

The Hospital at The Children's Institute has received four coveted accreditations from CARF, the independent international Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

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- Comprehensive Inpatient Rehabilitation Pediatric Specialty Program (only one in PA)
- Inpatient Brain Injury Rehabilitation Pediatric Specialty Program (only one in PA)
- Outpatient Rehabilitation
- Single Service Pediatric Specialty Program (only one other in PA).

The Children's Institute — Continuity of Care

Children who are treated through The Children's Institute are assured the most complete continuum of care available. Not only is inpatient care available for children with a host of challenges, but those same children can, if needed, receive their ongoing education in The Day School at The Children's Institute through the age of 21. Or we can work with their home school districts to ensure a smooth and productive transition. When children need ongoing rehabilitation, they can receive outpatient therapies — physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech/language therapy and more — at one of our convenient outpatient locations.

Our outpatient locations are conveniently located:
- Pittsburgh (Squirrel Hill)
- Bridgeville
- Irwin (Norwin Hills)
- Wexford

We place children in need of a family and a home through Project STAR at The Children's Institute. If families are facing challenges we attempt to work through those difficulties and reunite them through our Family Visitation program. And we are currently exploring ways to continue support of youth and their families as they mature into their twenties.

We understand that for many young people with special needs, the need for support is extensive. The Children's Institute is there as a partner for every step of the journey.

To learn more about The Children's Institute, contact us at 412.420.2400 or visit www.amazingkids.org.

Parents and families — a part of the team

Our approach at The Children's Institute isn't about helping just children, it's about helping families. Parents/guardians are brought into the treatment of each child from the very first day.

Information and treatment plans are shared with parents on a regular basis. Parents are taught strategies and techniques to assist and further develop their children at home; and they are given the emotional and psychological support they need to foster a meaningful relationship with their child. No parent whose child is being treated by The Children's Institute will ever feel alone at any point along the continuum of care. They are a part of our team… and we are a part of theirs.

Physicians and hospitals — also a part of the team

Referring physicians and hospitals referring children to The Children's Institute should know that we don't view you as a referral source but as a **part of the treatment team.** We know that you want and need **updated information on your patient, progress reports and discharge plans.**

All of this is shared with you by our case managers and clinical staff to ensure that you know the progress of your patient and what the plans are when they return home and, potentially, to your ongoing practice.

We also realize that as busy professionals, your time is valuable. We have made our admissions and discharge planning processes easy ones, and are constantly looking for ways to improve them. We can and will work with you on home health needs, durable medical equipment and outpatient care.

On the cutting edge of treatment — now and into the future

Not only do we treat, but we also invest in developing better treatment for the future. In addition to our long history of collaboration in research with regional universities, we also have our own research program, governed by our Institutional Research Board and regulated by the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Food and Drug Administration.

Our aim is evidence-based "best practices." We have more than two dozen studies going on at this time. Likewise, our staff is highly educated and sharing its knowledge throughout the region and the nation. Eighty-three percent of our occupational therapists have doctoral or master's degrees as do 89 percent of our speech/language pathologists; 93 percent of our physical therapists boast one of those two degrees, 64 percent of them with doctorates.

Our staff is sought out to educate other professionals as well. In the last few years, The Children's Institute staff have spoken at conferences or delivered lectures in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New Orleans, California and Canada.

The Children's Institute — here for our children

The Children's Institute has served thousands of children with special needs and their families for more than a century. Today we continue to fulfill that heritage in contemporary, cutting edge ways.

If you know a child who needs help — from basic orthopedic outpatient rehabilitation to intensive multidisciplinary inpatient care — call us at The Children's Institute, where the quality of the continuum of care for children and their families is a way of life.

94%

of our families
would recommend
the Children's Institute

Our Mission: The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh is an independent, licensed nonprofit organization located in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh that is dedicated to promoting the quality of life for children, young people and their families by providing a specialized continuum of services that enable them to reach their potential.

The Children's Institute was designed specifically as a rehabilitation facility, and its administration and staff are committed to increasing accessibility for all persons. If you have accessibility concerns, please call The Children's Institute at 412.420.2485.